

Protect Injury and Rehabilitation Benefits for Auto Accident Victims!



What's the status of auto insurance laws in Michigan?

For the past 35 years, Michigan's auto insurance system has provided full injury and rehabilitation benefits to auto accident victims for as long as their injuries persist. This has saved a countless number of people from turning to taxpayer funded programs to pay for their injuries.

What changes are being proposed?

The insurance industry wants to limit your injury and rehabilitation auto insurance benefits (known as Personal Injury Protection), which they say will save drivers 15 percent on the Personal Injury Protection portion of their premium.

What's wrong with the insurance industry's plan?

Reducing full injury and rehabilitation benefits is bad for drivers, bad for taxpayers and bad for Michigan.

- The insurance industry **REFUSES** to guarantee cost savings in exchange for reduced benefits.
- Drivers will have to purchase **MORE** insurance to protect themselves from underinsured drivers.
- Seriously injured drivers will be **FORCED** onto welfare programs to pay for their care, which will cost state taxpayers millions of dollars each year.

Why are full injury and rehabilitation benefits important?

- Michigan's auto insurance system is the only one in the country that protects Michigan drivers and their families from the full cost of an auto-related injury.
- Serious auto accidents can cost millions of dollars in lifetime health care costs.
- Thanks to Michigan auto insurance laws, accident victims won't have to worry about their family losing their home or declaring bankruptcy just to pay for the injury care they need.
- Michigan's auto insurance laws allow family members to rest easy, knowing their loved ones are protected and will have the highest quality of life possible in the event of an auto accident.

How can you help?

Find your state senator and representative by visiting MichiganVotes.org . Then contact your legislators and tell them to keep full injury and rehabilitation benefits in Michigan.

Tell your state senator and representative to vote NO on House Bill 4936!



UNCOVERING THE MYTHS OF MICHIGAN AUTO INSURANCE

Myth #1

Michigan's auto insurance system is broken.

Source: The Insurance Industry

FACT

Michigan's 35-year-old auto no-fault system offers the best coverage in the nation at a cost that is within the national average* for the majority of drivers. It significantly reduces lawsuits while providing full injury and rehabilitation benefits for as long as the injury persists.

*Source: National Association of Insurance Commissioners

Myth #2

Michigan's requirement that all drivers carry full injury and rehabilitation insurance is driving up the cost of auto insurance in Michigan.

Source: The Insurance Industry

FACT

It costs more to insure the vehicle than it does the people in it. Michigan drivers spend only five percent more than the national average for the liability portion of their policies. The cost of collision coverage, however, is 30 percent above the national average.*

*Source: Public Sector Consultants, "The Impact of Reducing PIP Coverage in Michigan"

Myth #3

Reducing injury and rehabilitation benefits will lower insurance rates.

Source: The Insurance Industry

FACT

Insurance companies refuse to guarantee savings in exchange for reduced benefits. In fact, taking away full injury and rehabilitation benefits would increase lawsuits* and drive up insurance costs. More drivers would be forced to purchase additional coverage to protect themselves from underinsured drivers, and accident victims would be forced to sue the at-fault driver to recover the cost of their injuries.

*Source: Michigan Courts, Circuit Supplements Statewide, 2000-10

Myth #4

\$250,000 in injury and rehabilitation coverage is all that is needed.

Source: The Insurance Industry

FACT

When the costs of emergency medical care, hospital bills, doctors' fees and rehabilitation are taken into account, the final bill for a serious auto accident can cost millions of dollars*. Seriously injured accident victims who purchase the proposed minimum coverage would then be forced to pay out of their own pocket or sue the other driver.

*Source: Michigan Health and Hospital Association

Myth #5

Insurance companies want to offer reduced injury and rehabilitation coverage so drivers who otherwise could not pay for insurance will be able to afford it.

Source: The Insurance Industry

FACT

Taking away full injury and rehabilitation benefits will allow insurance companies to shift their costs onto the backs of taxpayers. Seriously injured accident victims who purchase reduced injury and rehabilitation auto insurance would be forced to find alternative sources for their care*, such as welfare programs like Medicaid, to pay for their care.

*Source: Assumption based on past Michigan Catastrophic Claims Association reported claims and fact